

Claim Amendments:

1 - 20 (canceled)

21(currently amended) - An apparatus for use in dispensing a liquid, said apparatus comprising:

- (a) a container defining a wall;
- (b) a closure adapted to close off the open end of said container, said closure presenting a recessed channel;
- (c) an outlet passage substantially formed by said recessed channel and said wall of said container when said closure is attached to said container, said outlet passage having a fluid entrance and a fluid exit so as to provide communication between the interior and exterior of said container; ~~and said outlet passage having sufficient volume to prevent contained liquid from reaching said fluid exit when said apparatus is inverted.~~
- (d) a means for creating a partial vacuum within said container which prevents the contained liquid from reaching said fluid exit when said apparatus is inverted.

22(canceled)

23(canceled)

24(previously presented) - The apparatus according to claim 21 wherein said fluid entrance and said fluid exit are substantially radially aligned.

25(currently amended) - The apparatus according to claim 21 wherein said fluid entrance is at substantially the lowest liquid level when said apparatus ~~container~~ is inverted.

26(previously presented) - The apparatus according to claim 21 wherein said outlet passage is at least one single loop helix.

27(currently amended) - The apparatus according to claim 21 wherein said means for creating a partial vacuum within said container is an outlet passage ~~[[has]]~~ having a volume greater than .060 cubic inches.

28(currently amended) - An apparatus for use in dispensing a liquid, said apparatus comprising:

- (a) a closure defining a wall, said closure adapted to close off the open end of a container;
- (b) said container defining a recessed channel;
- (c) an outlet passage substantially formed by said recessed channel and said wall of said closure when said closure is attached to said container, said outlet passage having a fluid entrance and a fluid exit so as to provide communication between the interior and exterior of said container; ~~said outlet passage having sufficient volume to prevent contained liquid from reaching said fluid exit when said apparatus is inverted.~~
- (d) a means for creating a partial vacuum within said container which prevents the contained liquid from reaching said fluid exit when said apparatus is inverted.

29(canceled)

30(canceled)

31(previously presented) - The apparatus according to claim 28 wherein said fluid entrance and said fluid exit are substantially radially aligned.

32(currently amended) - The apparatus according to claim 28 wherein said fluid entrance is at substantially the lowest liquid level when said apparatus container is inverted.

33(previously presented) - The apparatus according to claim 28 wherein said outlet passage is at least one single loop helix.

34(currently amended) - The apparatus according to claim 28 wherein said means for creating a partial vacuum within said container is an outlet passage ~~[[has]]~~ having a volume greater than .060 cubic inches.

35 (currently amended) - An apparatus for use in dispensing a liquid, said apparatus comprising:

- (a) a container presenting a first recessed channel;
- (b) a closure adapted to close off the open end of said container, said closure defining a second recessed channel;
- (c) an outlet passage substantially formed by said first recessed channel of said container and said second recessed channel of said closure when said closure is attached to said container, said outlet passage having a fluid entrance and a fluid exit so as to provide communication between the interior and exterior of said container; ~~said outlet passage having sufficient volume to prevent contained liquid from reaching said fluid exit when said apparatus is inverted.~~
- (d) a means for creating a partial vacuum within said container which prevents the contained liquid from reaching said fluid exit when said apparatus is inverted.

36 (canceled)

37 (canceled)

38 (previously presented) - The apparatus according to claim 35 wherein said outlet passage is at least one single loop helix.

39 (currently amended) - The apparatus according to claim 35 wherein said fluid entrance is at substantially the lowest liquid level when said apparatus ~~container~~ is inverted.

40 (currently amended) - The apparatus according to claim 35 wherein said means for creating a partial vacuum within said container is an outlet passage [[has]] having a volume greater than .060 cubic inches.

41 (previously presented) - The apparatus according to claim 21 wherein said closure has multiple recessed channels.

42 (previously presented) - The apparatus according to claim 28 wherein said container has multiple recessed channels.